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# Independence Day Re-up

**BAGHDAD** — Servicemembers from all over Iraq gathered here today in the Al Faw Palace rotunda on Camp Victory, to re-enlist and celebrate America's Independence Day.

All 1,215 servicemembers celebrated by raising their right hand and pledging to continue defending the 'land of the free' in what is the largest re-enlistment ceremony since the all-volunteer force began in 1973, according to the Multi-National Force – Iraq Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill.

"Volunteering to continue to serve our nation, while deployed – is both noble and inspiring," said Gen. David Petraeus, commanding general, Multi-National Force – Iraq. "It is, as award citations often state, in keeping with the finest traditions of our military services."

Petraeus presided over the ceremony and led the airmen, Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers in their oath to defend their country against all enemies both foreign and domestic on this day of celebration of America winning its independence.

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1,215 Servicemembers from all over Iraq gather in the Al Faw Palace rotunda on Camp Victory, to re-enlist and celebrate America's Independence Day, July 4, 2008. DOD Photo by MNF-I Public Affairs.

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**British Gunners Pack a Punch in Iraq**



**A Broken Heart Mending in Fallujah**



## Iraqi Police NCOs Lead from Front

**FOB LOYALTY** — The No. 1 man glances back, ensuring his comrades are in tow. They're about to search a building known to house insurgents. But where are they, exactly? The team leader signals. They rush in to clear a room. Gunfire! The "up" signal is given. An Iraqi man calmly walks through the door. He says, "Good, now do it again."

Leaders of the 3rd battalion, 8th brigade, 2nd national police division conducted their fourth non-commissioned officer training academy at Forward Operating Base Volunteer in Baghdad last month.

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